

What is claimed is;

1     A picture-phone device for an operator to exchange  
images and voices with the party on the other end via a  
communication circuit comprising an imaging portion and  
image display portion, wherein means for guiding the line of  
5   sight for guiding the operator's line of sight to a specific  
direction is provided.

2     The picture-phone device claimed in claim 1, wherein  
means for guiding the line of sight provides indicating means  
therein for giving indications with respect to the operator for  
guiding the line of sight.

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3     The picture-phone device claimed in claim 2 comprising  
control means for controlling indicating means in response to  
the result of the determination whether the phone is in use or  
not according to a voice input signal output from a microphone.

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4     The picture-phone device claimed in claim 3, wherein  
indicating means is a light flashing system for guiding the  
caller's line of sight by light emission.

5     The picture-phone device claimed in claim 4, wherein a  
light flashing system is provided near the imaging portion.

6     The picture-phone device claimed in claim 5, wherein

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indicating means is a caption outputting system for projecting  
a special visual image in order to guide the caller's line of sight  
to a specific direction on the image display portion in the  
5 picture-phone device.

7 The picture-phone device claimed in claim 6, wherein a  
special visual image is an arrow for pointing the position where  
the imaging portion is installed.

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